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•	Soviet officers act as instructors at both the Bozhurishte and ∇ razhdebna airfields near Sofia.
•	The only Soviets in uniform in Sofia are the Air Force officers listed above; all other Soviet officers circulating in the city are in mufti. There are no Soviet non-commissioned officers or Air Force personnel. several Soviet officers applying for passports at the Ministry of the Interior.
•	The Soviet officers' club in Sofia is located in a house at the intersection of Asanov and VI September Street. It is frequented especially by Air Force officers from the Bozhurishte and Vrazhdebna airports. The club has a dining room.
•	There are special shops in Sofia for food and manufactured goods reserved exclusively for Soviets. For this reason, the Soviets have little contact with the Bulgarian civilian population.

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- h. The Markoop Kolonial directorate is located at No. 58 Alabin Street. Its director is Uzunov (fnu), a former worker. The personnel numbers approximately 1,000, as follows:
 - a. Four hundred workers;
 - b. Approximately 300 clerks; and
 - c. Approximately 300 assistant clerks.
- 5. It has shops numbered from 1 to 300. Each Narkoop employs only two persons, a clerk and an assistant clerk. The average monthly sales of a Narkoop are as follows:
 - a. Sugar, six toms;
 - b. White cheese, three tons;
 - c. Miscellaneous cheeses, 200 kilograms;
 - d. Flour, 300 kilograms;
 - e. Rice, one ton;
 - f. Butter, 300 kilograms;
 - g. Vegetable oil, 500-600 liters; and
 - h. Macaroni, very little.
- 6. Rationing was lifted in July 1952, and since then the major sales have been sugar and cheese. The Narkoops are completely sold out in both Items in spite of being given an allowance of about 200-300 tons per day. The Narmags and Bakalais sell about half as much of these products as do the Narkoops. Macaroni, because of its high price, is little in demand and is allowed to spoil in the warehouses.
- 7. Storekeepers are allowed to sell only the following amounts to a single customer:
 - a. Sugar, 0.5 kilograms;
 - b. Cheese, 0.5 kilograms;
 - c. Rice, 1.0 kilograms;
 - d. Flour, 2-3 kilograms;
 - e. Grease, 0.5 kilograms; and
 - f. Vegetable oils, 0.5 liters,

However, in order to get sales bonuses, storekeepers often risk selling larger quantities to the customers than those allowed.

8. Food sales have not increased greatly since the lifting of rationing, because families restrict themselves to buying necessities. There is plenty of food available so there is no danger of involuntary deprival of food. There are shortages of food and vegetables at times, because they are used for making marmalade and liquor for export. Queues are often seen in front of certain shops, not because of the fear of not finding certain products, but because the customers are attempting to find bargain prices.

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